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ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

State Missionary

MINUTES

OF THE

Forty-Fourth Annual Session

OF THE

COOSA RIVER

Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

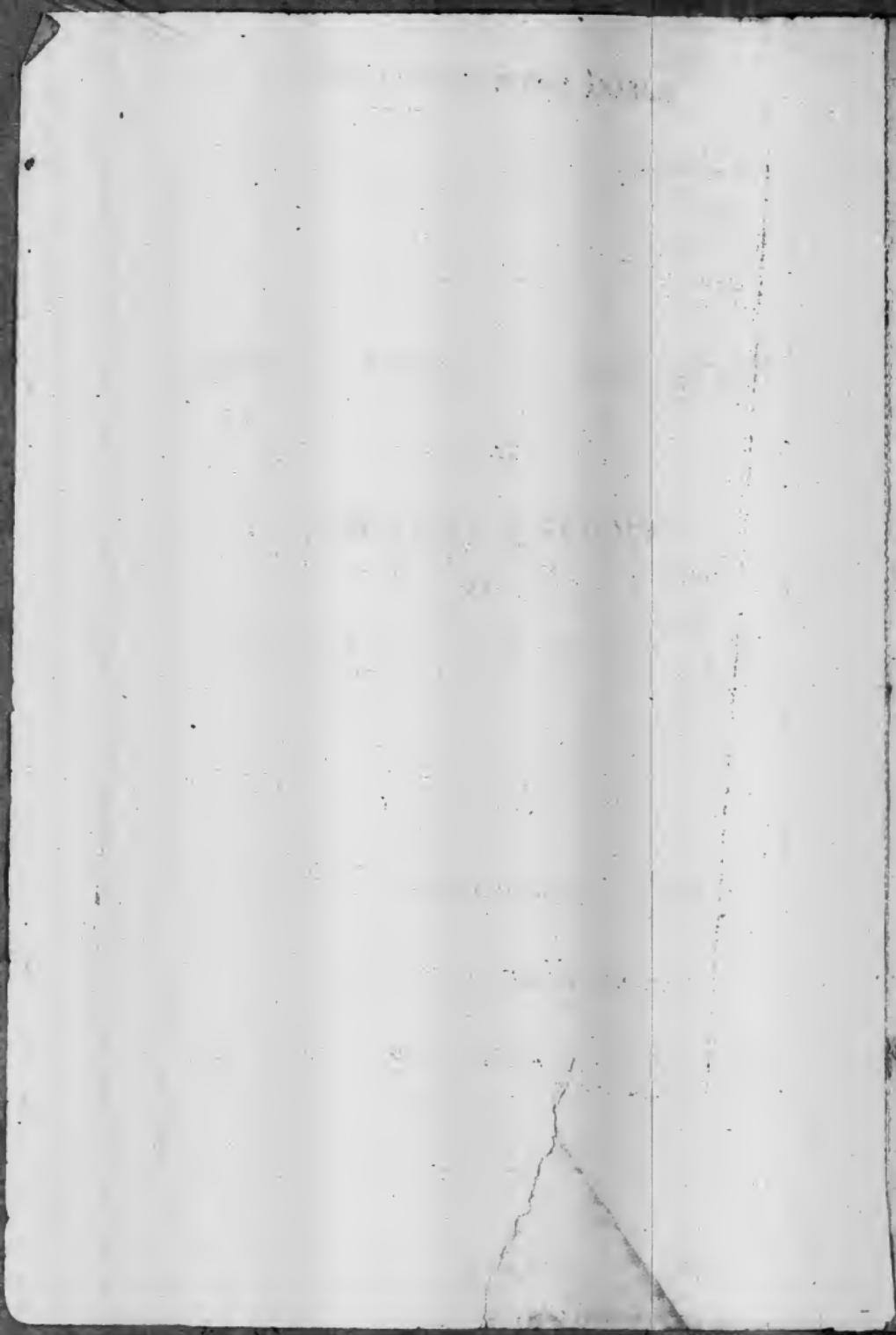
Coosa Valley Baptist Church,

St. Clair County, Ala.,

September 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th, 1877.

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

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ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ALA.,

September 14, 1877.

Messengers to the Coosa River Baptist Association met at 11 A. m. with the Coosa Valley Baptist church. Annual Sermon was preached by Rev. S. G. Jenkins, from Rev. 2nd C. and 3rd verse. Intermission of one hour for dinner.

1 p. m. Messengers Assembled. Devotional Exercises by Rev. W. Wilkes. The Moderator last Session Rev. W. Wilkes called present meeting to order and asked for letters from the churches. The letters were presented, read, by brethren Wright and Williams, and Messengers names enrolled as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Cold Water.—J. D. Clough, T. J. Comber, J. T. Davis, R. J. Comber.

Sulphur Springs.—J. T. Vinson, S. H. Kirksey, J. V. Gwin, J. B. Ingram.

Antioch.—S. G. Jenkins, Wm. Mashburn, Wm. Wright.

Salem.—Letter but no Messengers.

Oxford.—E. T. Smyth, J. C. Wright, T. P. Gwin, Abner Williams.

Jacksonville.—Not represented.

Mt. Zion—(Calhoun Co.) S. Woodruff, W. S. Griffin.

Oak Bowery.—S. Griffin, E. V. Weaver.

Cane Creek.—B. Nunnelly.

Munford.—A. W. McCaig, R. G. Cannon, W. D. Wright, J. B. Pope.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Cane Creek.—C. D. Fite, G. T. Taylor.

Blue Eye.—A. W. Bell.

Talladega.—J. J. D. Renfroe, G. A. Joiner, C. W. Stringer, J. A. Woodward Jr., B. C. Hesselt, Graves Renfroe.

Ferryville.—J. D. Truss, L. Merkle, N. Willingham, J. K. P. Lacy, D. M. Quattlebaum.

Refuge.—W. F. McCain, W. T. Hall, Wm. Hall, C. P.

Normal.—M. M. Martin, M. H. Martin.

Pleasant Grove.—J. K. Elliott, Thos F. Elliott, Wiley Ogletree, W. W. Ogletree.

Alpine.—S. Henderson, H. M. Burt, J. E. Welch, Jas. Thompson.

Hephzibah.—C. R. Cross, J. K. Jones, C. R. Chaney, J. G. Houghton.

THIRD DISTRICT

Station of **Third District**.—
Pilgrim's Rest.—On Smiley, E. Haywood, soon as a portion
of Ft. Williams.—Thos. Henderson, Wm. Waters, & 10 to 12
Talladega, & 10 to 12 M. M. Gardner, 10 to 12 bells
Childersburg.—W. Moss, Wm. Ohnedell, 10 to 12 bells, but before
Mr. Bishop (Talladega Co.)—W. Wilkes, Bill McElhany, & J.
W. C. C. M. T. 10 to 12, & 10 to 12 M. T. 10 to 12
Mr. Shadon.—Jno. Hammett, Wm. T. Donnelly, & 10 to 12
Rocky Mount.—Letter but no Messengers. (Talladega) 10
to 12—swallowed no portion of the same, 10 to 12, 10 to 12

FOURTH DISTRICT.

The Association next went into the election of officers for the ensuing year—brethren Collins and Henderson, acting tellers, resulting in the election of Rev. T. P. Gwin, Moderator together with the former Clerk and Treasurer.

The Moderator, Bro. Gwip, in a few fitting remarks accepted the position.

Here Dr. Renfroe read a letter from Rev. Leslie Low to the Association assigning sickness in family as the cause of his absence.

On motion, Elder Jenkins, Dr. Reallos, offered special prayer in behalf of the object indicated in said letter.

On motion, Elder Jenkins, Moderator called for churches desiring to meet with the Association. Whereupon the newly constituted churches "Pilgrims Rest" and "Cane Creek" applied for admission. Letters were read, churches received and Messengers welcomed by the Moderator.

On motion, Elder Wilkes. Minutes of last year with necessary alterations were adopted as guide for present session.

On motion, Dr. Henderson, Elder S. G. Jenkins was excused from further attendance to attend protracted meeting in Arkansas.

On motion, Dr. Henderson, committee on Preaching was
raised consisting of Pastor and Deacons of Coosa Valley church
with brethren Wiley Ogletree, A. W. McCain and C. R. Cross.

On motion, Bro. Williams, brethren A. W. Bell, H. M. Burt and C. W. Stringer was appointed a committee on Finance.

On motion, Elder Wilkes, (A. Zilberman) . . .
Resolved, "That the Association meet at 9 a.m., adjourn at
12 m. meet at 1 p.m., adjourn 4 p.m. each business day."
Rules of Decorum called for and read by Bro. Williams, off

On motion, visiting Ministers were invited to seats. Dr. Renfroe was recognized and President State Mission Board, and as one of the Editors "Alabama Baptist" and T. M. Mundine.

Called for Correspondents when the following messages were received and welcomed by the Moderator:—Bro. A. W. Hudson from the Calibb. B. B. Kilgore from the Boiling Springs; brethren, M. Hendricks, T. B. Moore, T. M. Mundine, J. S. Inzer, J. A. Collins, W. S. Montgomery and H. W. Webster from the Cahaba Valley.

On motion, correspondents returned as follows:—to the Central, W. Wilkes; Tallahatchie, E. T. Smyth, J. C. Wright; Cahaba Valley, Petty Turner, Paul Castleberry, J. D. Trout, L. Merkle; Boiling Springs, S. G. Jenkins, Brethren Mashburn and Clough, A. W. McCollum and T. P. Gwin.

Messengers to the Baptist State Convention which meets in Talladega, July 1878:—L. Law, C. H. Cross, L. Merkle, S. G. Jenkins, Wm. F. McCollum, Paul Castleberry, Bro. Clough, W. W. Kidd, J. B. Pope, B. M. Fluker and J. S. Welch.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by W. Wilkes.
8 p. m. Preaching at Easonville by Rev. J. C. Wright from 2nd Kings 15th and 16th verses.

At Baptist church at same hour by Rev. T. P. Gwin from 21st Rev. 7th verse.

9 a. m. Saturday Association assembled. Devotional exercises by the Moderator. Prayer by Rev. P. S. Montgomery. Minutes of Friday read and confirmed.

On motion, Dr. Henderson 10 a. m. was set apart to head Dr. Renfroe on State Mission Board.

On motion, agreed to adjourn at 11 a. m. for Preaching. Called for Report on Indigent Ministers Fund—read by Dr. Henderson in absence of Bro. Hudson—after remarks by Henderson, Williams and Hudson was deferred till immediately after dinner.

Called for Report on State Missions in connection with special order for 10 a. m. Submitted by Rev. J. C. Wright—after remarks by Revs. Wilkes and Henderson, was deferred till next after consideration of report of T. M. F.

11 a. m. Adjourned as agreed. Preaching by Rev. E. T. Smyth from text, "Occupy till I come."

Met at 1 p. m. Resumed consideration State Mission Work when the body was addressed by Dr. Henderson after which \$350 were raised in cash and subscriptions. Report Adopted. (Appendix A.)

Resumed consideration report on T. M. F. when association was addressed by Rev. W. Wilkes and a collection of \$6.80 was raised. (Appendix B.)

On motion, some Provisional Committee and Trustees Indigent Ministers Fund was appointed for the ensuing year.

The Alabama Baptist was next called up and remarks made

thereon by Renfroe and Collins, when the following resolution introduced by Rev. W. Wilkes was passed without dissent:

"Resolved, That we heartily recommend the *Anabaptist Baptist* to all our churches and seminaries and urge our brethren to try to put a copy of it in everybody's library. We also recommend the extensive circulation of *Kind Works*, our Sabbath School paper published at Marion, Ga., and our *Progress* Mississ. JOURNAL published at Richmond, Va., by our F. M. Board. M. M. 1852

Called for Report Sunday Schools—submitted by Rev. E. T. Smyth—and adopted without discussion. (Appendix C.)

Call for Report Executive Committee—submitted by Bro. C. R. Cross and adopted. (Appendix D.)

On motion, Bro. Smyth, some Executive Committee was appointed.

Call for Report Treasurer of Executive Committee was submitted by Bro. Cross and adopted. (Appendix E.)

Call for Treasurers Report—submitted by Bro. J. K. Elliott and adopted. (Appendix F.)

Adopted. Prayer by Bro. Smyth, followed by that of the Presiding.

At 8 p. m. Saturday—At Baptist church, preaching by Rev. W. F. McCain from 1st Cor. 14th verse, the communion service.

At M. E. Church at Easonville, Rev. P. S. Montgomery, 1st Cor. 14th verse.

At Ferryville by Rev. W. S. Griffin, from 1st Cor. 14th verse.

At 9 a. m. Sunday—S. B. Addread by brethren J. B. Webb, J. A. Collins and J. W. Hudson, caused funds to be sent out to all the stations.

At 11 a. m. Preaching by Rev. J. J. B. Renfroe, D. D. from Eph. 4th Ch. 12th verse.

At 2 p. m. Preaching by Rev. W. W. Wilkes, from 1st Cor. 5th verse.

At 8 p. m. At Easonville, preaching by Rev. T. P. Gwin, from Phil. 2nd Ch. 9th verse.

Also at Baptist church by Rev. J. C. Wright, from 1st Cor. 12th verse.

Also at Ferryville, by Rev. W. S. Griffin, from 1st John 3rd Ch. 12th verse.

At 8 p. m. Monday—Devotional Exercises by the Moderator.

Prayer by Rev. J. C. Wright. Regular order resumed.

Call for Report on Foreign Missions—submitted by Elder Renfroe and other remarks by Wright, Renfroe, Collins, was adopted. (Appendix G.)

Called for Report on Family Religion—submitted by Bro. C. R. Cross and adopted without discussion. (Appendix H.)

On motion Bro. Cross, Public collection of Sunday at 11 a. m. was directed to State Mission Board.

On motion Bro. Cross, Dr. Renfroe was requested to publish in *ALABAMA BAPTIST* his sermon of Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Called for Report Finance Committee—submitted by Bro. A. W. Bell and adopted. (Appendix I.)

Our meeting will be held in the Sulphur Springs Baptist Church, Calhoun County, Ala., on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in Sept., 1878.

The Revd J. G. Wright was appointed to preach the next Annual Sermon; the Revd W. W. Walker, Attorney to the Board of Education, Elizabethtown; Bro. J. B. McElroy, of the Talladega church, was appointed to preach the Annual Sermon at the State Macomb Board Room Saturday morn. The names of the subscribers to the annual subscription appear in the letter part of the Minster, copied at Appendix 10; in botqueh bin—

On the 10th, Elder Reifford and I reported to the General Secretary of the Foreign Missions Committee.

Resolved, "That the Cuyahoga River Association abates nothing of her interest in Howard College and our Female Colleges—that they long live and that the Jews of Marion and that we heartily recommend our people to support these institutions so far as their means will permit." Cuyahoga River Association.

On motion Bro. J. H. Collins thanks the Association who extended to the citizens of Cropwell, Easonville and vicinity, for kindess so delegates among the Methodist brethren at Easonville for the use of their house of worship. J. H. Collins.

WHEREAS, Among the gifts bestowed by Christ, ~~the~~ head, was Evangelists with this injunction, "Go, as ye go preach, saying, the kingdom of heaven is at hand." And if any man hear, and will not do, shall be beaten with many stripes.

WHEREAS, Past experience shows the wisdom of this plan of going to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we recommend to the State Mission Board, Bro. W. Wilken, as a minister, combining in his eminent degree, the qualifications as an Evangelist, and that we hereby express the wish that the Board aforementioned will secure, if possible, the services of Bro. Wilken for the important work and that Bro. Wilken will accept the mission.

Resolved, also, That we recommend the churches to give to this enterprise their earnest cooperation and prayers, and that they take collections for this work and report to the next session of the Association.

The Association, after singing a hymn, extending the parting hand, was lead in prayer by Bro. M. Hendricks at the close of which, the Moderator declared the Association adjourned.

GRAVES RENFROE, Clerk.

MINISTERS AND THEIR OFFICES.

J. M. Scott, Harpersville.	S. G. Jenkins, Silver Run.
W. W. Kidd, "	E. T. Smyth, Oxford,
J. N. Prestridge, "	J. C. Wright, "
W. C. Mynatt, Eastaboga, from G. T. Gwin,	
Gordon Mynatt, " from G. T. Gwin,	J. F. Hatcher, Silver Run.
J. B. Mynatt, " from G. T. Gwin,	S. Henderson, Alpine.
W. Wilkes, Sylvanora.	Law, Lincoln.
E. Martin, Sulphur Springs.	J. D. Beutroe, Talladega.
W. S. McCamp, Limestone.	P. P. Darbybury, Cropwell.
J. Powell, Cropwell.	P. P. Williams, W. W. Williams, Sta.
W. W. Kirkland, Harpersville.	W. W. Hughey, Oxford.
Joel Miller, Alexandria.	C. Clough, W. W. Hughey, Sta.
W. S. Grimm.	J. T. Comber.
Wm. Nall, Ala. Furnace.	W. A. J. Nelson, Fenwick.

Note.—The Rev. Dr. Rutherford preached Monday after adjournment from Bpt. I. C. and Tvers. The Clerk omitted to state in its proper place that Dr. Henderson, on Saturday of the Association, because of sickness, asked for and obtained a release from the necessity of further attendance during present session. The "rules of decorum" appear in the latter part of this Minutes; the change in one of the "rules" suggested by Dr. Henderson at the late session, as having been made sometime ago, is observed in this publication.—CLERK.

Note.—Only two churches, Alpine and Talladega, report the amount of money raised by them and for what purposes during the past Association Year. The record of the Alpine church as to funds raised and contributed to various objects during the year 1877, is as follows: to Mrs. H. B. Reynolds to Foreign Missions, \$25.00; to Indian Missions, \$25.00; to Domestic Missions, \$25.00; to State Mission Board, \$25.00; making an aggregate of \$100 contributed by Mrs. Reynolds to these four objects. Church Record.—For Minutes \$5.00; Penny collection, \$25.00; B. I. Seminary, \$20.00; raised by the "Aid Society" \$35.00; Jenkins Fund, \$50.00; State Mission Board, \$46.50; and \$600 to Pastors' Salary, making an aggregate by the Alpine church of \$941.50 for the past Association Year. The record of the Talladega church, for the same period, is as follows: For Minutes, \$5.00; Foreign Missions, church and S. S., \$22.25; State Missions, church and S. A. S., \$54.00; church and S. S., Incidentally, \$112.24; towards completing their house of worship, \$804.85; for Pastors' Salary, \$1000, making an aggregate of \$1558.44 for the past Association Year. Will pastors and brethren please see that similar letters are written and sent to the next Association?—CLERK.

APPENDIX

APPENDIX A.)

We need not dwell on the largeness of the field, or the whiteness of the harvest. We need not paint future Alabama, as some are wont to do, in glowing colors, with her broadway of business teeming with mixed and untiaught millions. But draw a map of present Alabama, our State as it is. Leave white all places that have ample religious facilities, paint with brown those that have scant facilities, and paint with black the destitute portions; and as any other map, it would have many colors, and much of it would be of a dark shade.

Many feeble churches, have good houses, but no pastoral supply, they stand silent as the graveyard near by, these should be helped. The missionary should be sent to other destitute points, and mission stations established.

We have in our midst a large colored population, who are now more ready and willing to receive religious instruction at our hands, than at any time since emancipation. This, with an annual influx of foreign population, makes our State a wide home field, a promising vineyard, given us to cultivate, and if we fail to work it, the vineyard will be given to others.

Work is the talisman of success. Shall we be idle? All are at work around us. Since January last, the Catholics have established forty schools within the borders of Georgia, Alabama and Louisiana, at which they propose to educate the children of Freedmen free. This simply negates their rule. The enemy nows tares while we sleep, the roaring lion is going up and down in our State, seeking whom he may deceive and destroy. To reach Canham, we must travel to prevent it; we, last night,

to gain the victory, we must conquer the enemy. "Begin at Jerusalem, Build thou the walls of Jerusalem," thunders in our ears daily. Let each build the wall opposite his own house, till the whole wall is joined together, till his own house is defended, till the Lord's house is established and secured; so that the glory of the Lord may abound; and all His h'ly Temple, and our the entire land with the brightness of his coming.

Much has been done in this field, by the efficient labor of our worthy State Evangelist, Rev. E. M. Bailey. It is now proposed to send A. and H. to his help, to enlarge our State mission operations, let each come with a ready heart and hand to the work of cherishing the same by their prayers and patronage. A sum not exceeding \$1000 is suggested.

... J. C. WRIGHT, Chairman.

and add to an old one, it bearing date January 977, and is
 a document of the Coosa River Association, and but nothing
 to the present time of any importance, and is as follows:

REPORT ON THE INDIGENT MINISTERS FUND.

It becomes our duty to communicate some information and make such suggestions to this body as we may think advisable in relation to the Indigent Ministers Fund. We are educating two children within our bounds, with the interest which has accrued on this fund. We have no interest on hand at this time, but will have sufficiency on hand in a short time to meet all our obligations for tuition or any thing else for the present year. We have obtained in cash and reliable notes to the sum of \$1450 66 cts. We should have at least \$5,000 and 25 cents from each member of the Association, would secure this. Those who subscribed the larger sum of the amount raised, have, with very few exceptions, paid up promptly. Still there is a considerable amount unpaid. We have drawn off those amounts due from churches, and sent them to ministers and the others for collection. As yet, but little has come to hand.

A resolution was passed at our last session requesting our ministers to preach on this subject to their churches. If any one has complied with the request, we have not heard of it. Resolutions of late do not amount to much when the heart is not enlisted. Between, we have been astonished how any Christian, with the Bible in his hand can refuse to contribute to the maintenance of the ministry, especially to those who have spent their manhood and prime in trying to win souls to Christ, and find themselves old age destitute of the means of support, and unable to labor. The principles that should govern us in this and all similar cases can be found in Acts 11th chap. 29th & 30th verses, and the following quotations: "He that preacheth the gospel shall live of the gospel. Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn." In a word, it is the imperative duty of every church of Coosa River Association to contribute at least 25 cents to the fund. This will raise \$5000, the interest of which would yield \$400. This amount of money flowing into the Treasury might ere long make some poor widow's heart leap for joy, and cause some orphan's eyes to sparkle with intelligence.

We still entertain a lingering hope that God will yet some day raise up some devout, pious, energetic, self-denying men, and enthuse this intelligent body that it is their religious duty to make ample and permanent provision for the support of their aged and self sacrificing Ministers who have been instrumental in the hands of God of making Coosa River Association what

is. We recommend and suggest that the Clerk of the Association and Bro. Cross, be requested to give the members of the Association opportunity to give notes to aid in increasing the Indigent Fund, payable in 4 equal annual payments and that the Association adopt such other measures as they may see fit to enhance said fund.

JAS. HEADEN, Chairman

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Sunday Schools, is gratified in being able to report on increasing interest in the Sunday School Work in the bounds of our Association. A number of new Sunday Schools have been organized in our bounds during the year, which are now in successful operation, and those that were in operation before are all doing well. The subject is one that is full of promise to our churches, and to the youth of the country. It is a peculiarity of the Sunday School system that it affords a field of usefulness for all of Christ's people. The Sunday School is now to be regarded as the nursery of the church and their friends and children assembled on the Sabbath day to study the word of God. It may be that there are persons who are prevented by peculiar circumstances from partaking actively in the exercises of the Sunday School work, but even such can do good service by encouraging their own, and their neighbors' children to be constant in their attendance at the Sunday School. Men however can engage actively in the exercises of the Sunday School if they are willing to make the necessary self denial. It is a duty that requires considerable labor, and he who thinks to succeed as a Sunday Schooler otherwise will find himself mistaken. The work brings its own reward, great reward. First upon the laborer. Secondly upon the youth of the country. In watering the earth we are watered again, and in imparting instruction from God's Holy word, we ourselves receive fresh light from its sacred pages. It is conceded by all that first impressions are the most lasting. So we find it in taking a larger view of life that the nursery in which we play a part as children gives us almost every trace to the nursery in which we take a part as parents. It is wonderful how little the main substantial elements of human character alter. We easily let slip from memory events in manhood, which we clearly recollect the things of youth. The last song that will ring in the old man's heart will be the song that his mother sang over him when he was a little boy, or little girl, dedicated to her loving and affectionate commands. Jesus instilled in the nursery often experience a resurrection, in old age, and here again all between are pushed and entirely sprung back to their childhood.

Let us see that the dear parents and church members, that first impressions be made upon the youth of the country in favor of the cause of Christ. And what institution or instrumentality possesses the advantages that Sunday Schools possess for doing good in this respect? Here the children assemble from Sabbath to Sabbath to study the scriptures, training the mind from week to week with divine truths, and weaving them into the very texture of their education thus rendering it impossible ever to tear them away from its fabric so long as life shall last. It is in this view that Sunday Schools become of such vast importance to the churches. So much that it should induce every church to establish, in her bounds, Sunday Schools, and see to it that the children are correctly instructed while their minds are susceptible of impressions that will last.

These results would soon be manifest in the conduct and influence of the rising generation. The ignorance we now have to mourn over would cease to exist, the Gospel would be heard with more interest, the truth would be more widely spread, and would more generally prevail. Your committee would urge the claims of the Sunday School cause upon all our churches and brethren, and particularly upon our ministers. They should speak for it in their churches, they should pray for it in private and in public, and as far as it lies in their power they should give it their personal presence and attention. It was one of the last injunctions of our good Shepherd that his lambs should be fed. Let our earthly Shepherds see to it that the Lambs of the Masters flock receive their portion in due season.

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. SMYTH, Chairman.

W. H. COOPER, Secretary. *Executive Committee, Good*
will be held at the *Annual Association*, *September 1812.* *To be*

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your committee continued the services of Bro. D. P. Gwin, at the Station located between Oxford and Jacksonville some two years ago, up to this time, the result of which is manifest, the Lord has blessed his labors, beyond our most sanguine expectations. By request of scattering Baptists in the neighborhood and converts since the location of the Station, a church has been constituted, numbering 30 members and now a member of your Body. We adopt the language of Bro. Gwin in his Report, that the Lord has done great things in that community, whereof we are glad. Bro. Gwin reports 22 days service since commencement, up to this time. We also continued Bro. Wm. T. Griffin at Dry Creek Station, some eight miles West of Oxford. Bro. Griffin reports encouraging prospects, of doing good, some conversions and a manifest desire for preaching and the Station to be continued, they have also a good Sabbath School in opera-

tion, he reports 18 days services since your last meeting. In accordance with a suggestion made in our last report, a station was located at Hayworts School House, some 8 or 10 miles South East of Alpine, we procured the services of Bro. S. G. Jenkins to occupy the same. We are gratified to report to you a complete success, the Lord bless the labor of our Brethren, the beasts of the people. The Lydia of Old was opened to receive the truth, resulting in the constitution of a church numbering 19 members, and now a constituent member of your Body. Bro. Jenkins reports 19 days labor and 250 miles traveled, and from his appointment until now and in

"I beseech your committee believe that much good has been done by sending the Gospel to the destitute in your bounds; the Lord has abundantly blessed the labors of your Sisters at the various stations occupied, great good has been done, yet there is more to be done. Other communities should be visited, the Macedonian cry is heard, how can they preach unless they be sent; and how can we send them without means. We suggest that the churches be requested to send up, (at least), sum small contribution for this object, to your next meeting."

1911 especially submitted.

C. R. CROSS, Chairman
MEASURES REPORT

C. R. Gross, in account with Executive Committee, Coosa River Baptist Association.

TREASURER'S REPORT

1877.	J. X. Elliott to the Coosa River Association	Dr.
	To cash recd from Finance Com for minutes	77.75
	State Mission Board	3,000
	Foreign " " " " to State Mission Board	4,600
	Indian " " " " to State Mission Board	10.00
	Domestic " " " " to State Mission Board	23.25
	Associational Mission Board	52.00
	Public collection for Domestic Mission	10.50
	Public collection for Foreign Mission	12.55
	Aggregate.	\$208.65
	By Cash paid Graves Renfroe, Clerk of the Association to be applied to the objects as above stated, as per voucher No. 1.	\$280.60
	By cash paid T. M. Baily, State Evangelist as per voucher No. 2	28.65
	Aggregate.	\$208.65

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It affords your committee great satisfaction to be able to state that at the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans, the Foreign Mission Board located at Richmond Va., reported itself out of debt, or so nearly so as not to be embarrassed by its liabilities. This is especially encouraging in view of the fact, that for several years past Board had carried a heavy debt of unpaid obligations to our Missionaries in foreign lands. It is recognized as very unfortunate that from one cause and another several of our Foreign Missionaries have been compelled to return home, but still we have in distant regions of the earth a strong Missionary force; in China, in Africa and in Italy, we have efficient Missionaries and Mission Stations.

In China the work is prosperous under the long tried labors of such men as Tate, Crawford, Graves, Simmonds, and others. Strong churches have grown up and our missionaries are greatly strengthened and encouraged, and a number of native preachers are engaged with them in this great work.

In Rome itself, the grand old city where the impious edict of Paul preached and where the Pope has reigned supreme for many centuries over the city and over many nations of the earth, the gospel is being again preached in its primitive purity.

ty and the ordinances are being administered by our distinguished Missionary, Dr. G. B. Taylor and several native laborers. Also in Africa we again have encouraging Mission work. All these fields are calling for other laborers to be sent to reinforce the initial men and women who now hold these posts. Let all our Pastors and Christian workers hold this work on their people. Is it not the duty of every one to do something for this grand cause? Surely it is.

J. J. D. RENFROB, Chairman,

REPORT OF FAMILY RELIGION, 1861

Your committee is aware, that much has been said, written, and published, on the subject of Family Religion, yet like other subjects of the Bible, it has never been exhausted.—God in his wisdom, established, the Family and the Church, the two grandest institutions in the world, there is a great similarity in the organization of the Family and the Church, the same God, has given Rules and Laws, by which both institutions, are to be governed, therefore Family Religion, is a natural consequence growing out of the relation, existing between the creator of the institution, and the Family, hence the great responsibility and importance, attached to the family relation. God is over all his creation, and should be so recognized by all, and especially by those who profess to love and serve him, for he died for all, especially for them that believe, the Bible abounds, with precepts, examples, and ~~admonitions~~ bearing on this subject, of Family Religion, the example of such a man as Job, ought to have great weight and influence with every child of God, whether on family relations or other religious duties, by reference to the last chapter of Job and part of the 5th & 6th, this good man, fearing his children had sinned, on a certain occasion, after offering up burnt offerings, he uses this language, it may be that my Sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts, what an example set, and lesson taught, by this good man, to every Christian parent, when David on a certain occasion, had offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord, he then returned to bless his own household, and said, See, Gethen, part of the 18th & 20th verses, Joshua addressing the tribes of Israel, and after innumeraing the many blessings and mercies they had received, and the preserving care that God had over them, he uses this language, now therefore fear the Lord and serve him for sincerity and in truth, as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord, Joshua 24th ch. part of the 14th & 15th verses. Solomon says, train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it, Provi. 22nd ch. & 6th v. the Apostle Paul says in Romans 15th ch. & 4th v. the whatsoever things were written afore time, were written against us, in foretelling all the following things, and so forth.

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were written for our learning that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope, we have the example of Cornelius the Centurion a devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to god always, Brethren let us study this lesson, set by this devout man, and imitate his example, and thereby raise the standard of Family Religion. The Apostle Paul in his letter to the Ephesian Brethren, not only addresses the Church as a Church, but admonishes and impresses duties on the whole household. Children obey your Parents in the Lord for this is right. Honor thy Father and Mother, and ye Fathers provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, Eph. 6th ch. 1st 2nd & 4th verses. Again the same Apostle in his letter to the Colossians is more particular and explicit if possible, lest they should neglect this duty of Family Religion he addresses them individually, wives submit yourselves unto your own Husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. Husbands love your wives and be not bitter against them, Children obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing unto the Lord, Fathers provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged. Servants obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, Col. 3rd ch. 18th 19th 20th 21st & 22nd verses.

In conclusion, permit us to enforce the exhortation of the Apostle to the Colossian Brethren. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another, and whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God, and the Father by him, let your speech be always with grace, continuing in prayer, and watch in the same with thanks giving.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. CROSS, Chairman

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(Appendix I.)

We the undersigned—Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report:

C. R. CROSS, Chrysanthemum	
65	10
31	20
1	0
9	0
56	0
70	0
83	0
244	0
54	0

Received from the churches for	Minutes	\$ 76 90
"	Dom. Mission Board	34 31
"	Indian Missions	16 99
"	Foreign Missions	9 98
"	State Missions	56 13
"	Associational Missions	65 80

Public collection to Dom. Mission Board.....	825 83
" " " Foreign Mission Board.....	6 90
" " " Indigent Ministers Fund.....	6 85
" " " State Missions.....	33 75
Total.....	825 83

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. BELL,
H. M. BURT,
C. W. STRINGER } Comm.

BAPTIST CHURCHES
(APPENDIX J.)

PLEDGES TO THE STATE MISSION BOARD.

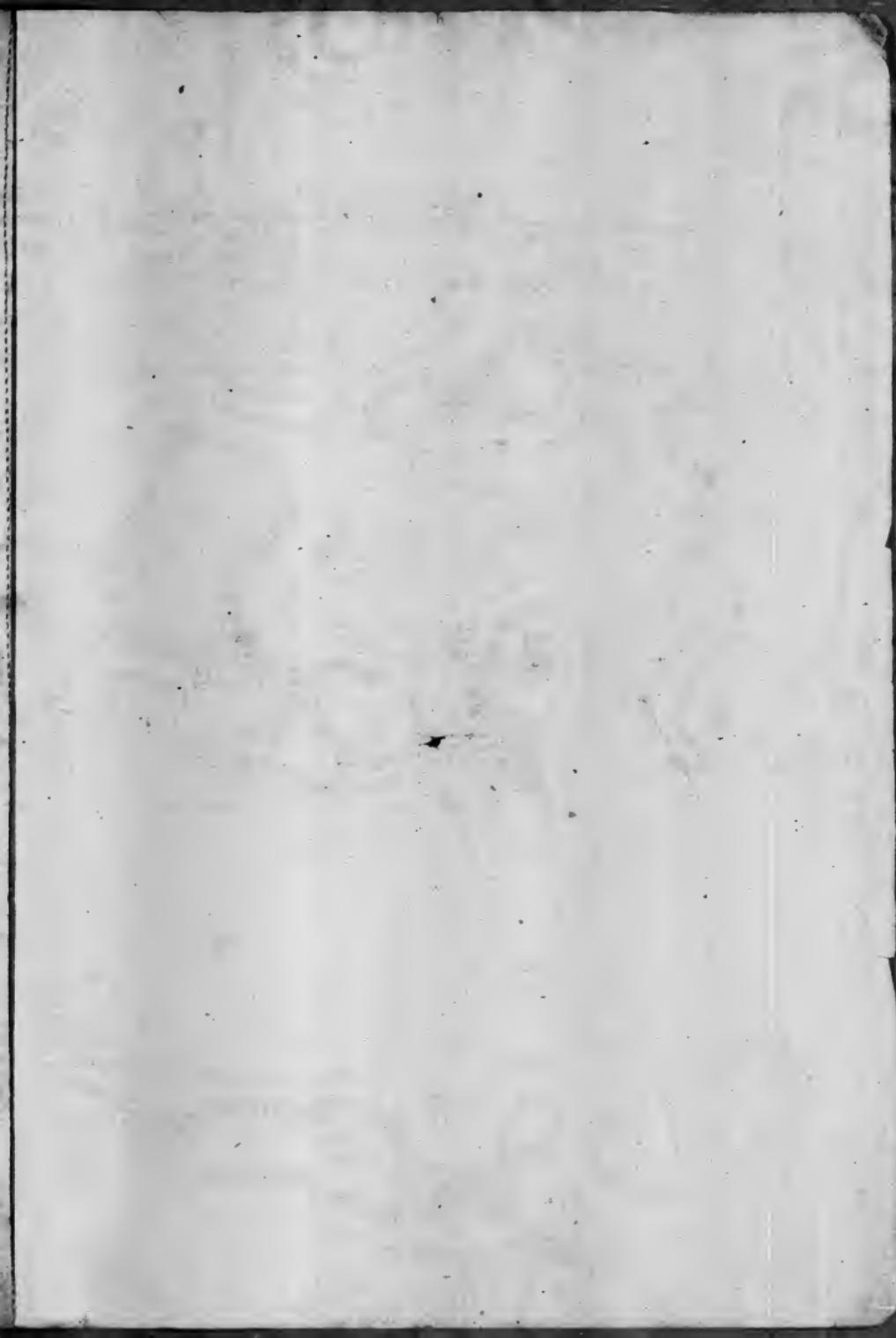
Oxford Church, Rev. E. T. Smyth.....	\$ 50.00
Dr. Henderson's Church.....	50.00
Dr. Benfroe's Church.....	50.00
Rev. W. Wilkes' Church.....	15.00
J. B. Davis, Macedonia.....	10.00
J. R. P. Lacy, Perryville.....	25.00
A. W. Bell, Blue Eye.....	15.00
C. F. Elliott, Spring Creek.....	10.00
J. K. Elliott, Pleasant Grove.....	10.00
Perry Turner, Cane Valley.....	12.00
J. T. Vincent, Sulphur Springs.....	10.00
S. A. Kiteley,	5.00
Todd Martin, paid.....	5.00
C. B. Crook,	5.00
L. Merkle, Perryville.....	5.00
Rev. Wm. F. McCain, Refuge.....	10.00
R. S. Flynn, Big Spring.....	5.00
C. W. Stringer, Talladega.....	5.00
L. R. W. Lewis, Spring Creek.....	5.00
J. B. Ingram, Sulphur Springs.....	5.00
K. B. Fannally, Cane Creek.....	5.00
K. M. Fluker, Sylacauga.....	5.00
F. M. Grissom, Kelly's Creek.....	5.00
C. F. Elliott, Spring Creek.....	5.00
J. B. Welsh \$2.00 and K. B. Posey \$2.00.....	4.00
F. M. Henderson, paid \$2.00; Isaac Jones, \$1.00.....	3.00
Jas. Hawthorne, 50; Hudson and Gross \$100.....	100
 Cash raised.....	 9.00
 Total.....	 \$350.00

\$341.00

SCALE OF THE CHURCHES.

SENATOR DISTRICT	SENATOR	STATE DISTRICT	SENATOR
00 00 8		00 00 8	T. H. Williams
00 00 9		00 00 9	W. C. Gandy
CHURCHVILLE	POST OFFICE	RAFORD	
00 00			
00 01			
WATER DISTRICT			
Oxford	Onward	0	T. Smyth
Elmwood		1	J. L. Lovell
Salt Spring		2	J. C. Gandy
Mt. Zion (Calhoun)	Albion	3	J. C. Headen
Jacksonville		4	J. G. Jenkins
Antioch		5	J. C. Jenkins
Cold Water	Onward	6	J. C. Jenkins
Cane Creek	Albion	7	J. C. Jenkins
Oak Grove		8	J. C. Jenkins
Cave Creek	Waverly	9	J. P. Gandy
Calhoun District		10	J. D. Headen
Talladega	Waverly	11	T. T. Smyth
Manford	Manford	12	W. C. McCollum
Endicott	Manford	13	W. C. McCollum
Blue Eye	Manford	14	W. C. McCollum
Philmont Grove	Talladega	15	J. C. Headen
Alpine	Alpine	16	J. C. Headen
Wauhatchie	Wauhatchie	17	J. P. Gandy
THIRD DISTRICT			
Chamberlain	Onward	0	J. C. Headen
Fort Williams	Onward	1	J. C. Headen
Mo. Shore	Onward	2	J. C. Headen
Mo. Shore, Talladega	Waverly	3	J. C. Headen
Wauhatchie	Waverly	4	J. C. Headen
Rocky Mount	Wauhatchie	5	J. C. Headen
Pigman's Ridge	Wauhatchie	6	J. C. Headen
ROCK DISTRICT			
Big Spring	Harperville	0	J. D. Estill
Spring Creek	Harperville	1	W. W. Moore
Minocca	Harperville	2	W. W. Moore
Cane Valley	Harperville	3	W. W. Moore
Ferryville	Harperville	4	W. W. Moore
Malissa	Harperville	5	W. W. Moore

⑩ The Club makes no account of Minnie fund or any other finance, because this may all be found in the Finance Report. (basis: 1921)



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Revised at
Fayetteville 1867.
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Rocky Mt. Clay Bank

Fishing Creek - Castle

Munford - I C long

Cane Creek - Swinn

Pilgrim Rest

Rock Creek & Dark

Chickasaw - ^{some} Cane

Done more

with Capital invested
than any mission

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